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VERNACULAR NEWSPAPERS

PUBLISHED IN THE PANJAB.

NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCES, OUDH, CENTRAL PROVINCES, CENTRAL INDIA, AND RAJPUTANA, Received up to 25th September, 1885.

POLITICAL.

The Hindustani (Lucknow), of the 18th September, is glad to say that the Anglo-Russian Protocol Settlement of the frontier has been signed, and that the Boundifficulty. dary Commission will meet in November next to consider local necessities. Nothing more is as yet known of the terms of the treaty than that the Zulfikar Pass has been left to the Amir. The British and the Russian Governments should be congratulated on the peaceful settlement of the frontier difficulty, inasmuch as an outbreak of hostilities would involve an immense loss of men and money to them. But the question is—what guarantee is there that Russia will make no further advance in future? The despatch of the Frontier Commission and the military preparations made on account of the late Central Asian crisis have cost the British Government no less than seven millions sterling. Has any safeguard been provided to prevent the St. Petersburg Government from raising difficulties in future which are an amusement to it, but which put this country to such heavy expense. The defences which Lord Randolph

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Churchill means to provide are good in their way, and all India ought to be grateful to his lordship for them. But nature itself has supplied this country with a strong frontier, and it is almost impossible that Russia should ever undertake an invasion. One principal defence necessary for the protection of the Indian Empire is the good will of the people.

Circulation, 2,500 copies.

The Akhbár-i-Am (Lahore), of the 16th September, says Mahárája Dalip Singh's that at last Mahárája Dalip Singh, return to India. accompanied by his family and servants, is about to leave England for this country on the 28th Octo-He will live at Delhi, where some houses and villages have already been purchased for him. Sikhs have agreed to receive him, his European wife, and children into their society. As he has sold all his property in England, there is no probability of his returning to that country. It is believed that his advent in this country will cause great enthusiasm among the Sikh community, which is highly desirable at the present juncture. He is loyal to the core, and ready to sacrifice his life on behalf of the British Government. (The Ghamkhwar-i-Hind, Lahore, of the 19th September, praises the British Government for the permission granted by it to the Maharaja to return to his home, and thinks that the measure will have a very beneficial effect on frontier affairs.)

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

Circulation, 106 copies. cestablishment of Lady Dufferin's Fund for the training of native midwives and female doctors, observes that the measure is a very laudable one and will greatly mitigate the sufferings of native women in time of sickness. As the movement has the support of high officers throughout the country, there is no doubt that the necessary funds will be soon forthcoming. Many native chiefs have already given handsome donations. It need hardly be said that owing to this beneficent scheme Lady Dufferin's name will be always remembered with gratitude by the native population. It would appear that the Indian

Mirror lately complained that subscriptions were being collected by official pressure. The Pioneer says that as soon as the Mahárája of Benares saw this complaint, he at once contributed Rs. 1,000 to the fund, and declared that no official pressure had ever been brought to bear on him for the payment of any subscriptions. Anglo-Indian newspapers lose no opportunity of attacking native publications and embittering the feelings of Europeans towards natives. But the Pioneer is not entirely to blame on this occasion. The Mahárája really committed a great mistake if he made the declaration which has been ascribed to him by the Pioneer. The Akhbar would not be surprised if His Highness acted under the advice of Rája Shiva Prasád, whose patriotism is well-known. His Highness could please Government officers by contributing to the Countess of Dufferin's Fund without insulting the Indian Mirror. It could never be the object of the Mirror to prevent native chiefs from contributing to the fund.

The Hindustant (Lucknow), of the 20th September, says that Lady Dufferin's Fund, which The same. has been established in a way by Government, is sure to reach a fairly large amount. proposal reflects great credit on Lady Dufferin's sympathy for native women, but it threatens soon to take a very objectionable shape. The editor of the Indian Mirror was the first person to sound a note of warning, and to point out that Christian Missionaries had some connection with the project. The Times has in some measure confirmed the statement of the Mirror. The Hindustans has reason to believe that Missionaries are in fact endeavouring to deceive Lady Dufferin. But Government must know very well that the Asiatic mind is very jealous in religious matters. If the belief once gains ground among natives that Missionaries are at the bottom of the movement, all the efforts in behalf of the fund would come to naught. It is well known that many useful Missionary projects have failed, simply because the authors had also an ulterior object in view. Flatterers and

Circulation, 600 copies. traitors are to be found in every country, and therefore the Hindustání is not surprised at the conduct of the Mahárája of Benares who, acting under the evil advice of Rájá Shiva Prasad, and, in order to please European officers, has contradicted the rumour that official pressure is being exercised in collecting subscriptions for Lady Dufferin's Fund. But can any native nobleman conscientiously say that he always contributes voluntarily to funds which are started by Government officers? A young Rájá in Oudh, who is probably desirous of obtaining titles, has given a donation of Rs. 500, and has also declared, like the Maharaja of Benares, that he has never been pressed by any Government officer to pay subscriptions to any object. The question is -how often has he given donations for charitable purposes during his life? To the Hindustani's knowledge, this is the first occasion on which he has shown such generosity. At all events, he has never supported any movement for the public good set on foot by his countrymen.

Circulation, 275 copies.

The Panjábí Akhbár (Lahore), of the 19th September, observes that the Civil and Military The same. Gazette says that Lady Dufferin's scheme for providing medical aid to native women will tend to remove the barrier that exists between Europeans and natives more than the measures adopted by Bengalis for the purpose. The Gazette evidently means that a frequent intercourse between European female doctors and respectable native women will increase sympathy between the two classes of the community. This is true, but it should be remembered that natives will not like to place their women under the treatment of European female missionaries for fear of their tampering with their faith. For the success of Lady Dufferin's scheme it is necessary that native females of good conduct should be trained as doctors.

Circulation, 350 copies. The Kavivachan Sudhá (Benares), of the 14th September,

says that an Association has been established in every province to pro-

mote the objects of the Countess of Dufferin's Fund. It is a matter of great satisfaction that the Association in these provinces has offered to pay a scholarship of Rs. 10 to each female who will enter the Medical School at Agra for education. Women desirous of admission should be fairly acquainted with Hindi or Urdu and should know arithmetic up to the rule-of-three. It would be well if a school for training female native doctors were established at Benares.

A correspondent of the Nyáya Sudhá (Hardá), of the Pándhari tax at Ramtek, 23rd September, says that when he Nagpur.

passed by the Tahsíldár's office at Ramtek, Nagpur, on his recent visit to that place, he found some persons at the door of the office bitterly complaining of the unjust levy of the Pándhari tax from them. The tax was imposed on a woman who was so poor that she possessed only one or two tin vessels from which she drank water, a small piece of leather and an awl, and these things were seized by the tahsíl officials to realize the tax from her by their sale. The writer overheard another man saying that he had been taxed, although he did not carry on any kind of trade. The writer was told by another person that the names of many people who had died some years ago had been entered in the list of tax-payers! This shows how

The Prayag Samachar (Allahabad), of the 23rd Septem-Muharram and the ber, states that the Magistrate of Alla-Dasehra at Allahabad. habad convened a public meeting on the 21st idem to consider the subject of regulating the Muharram and the Ram-lila fairs. Some 50 Hindus attended the meeting, while Musalmans were about ten times that number. It is believed that the Magistrate has ordered the Kam-lila to be held, on the 2nd, the 5th, and the 7th days in the morning till 9 A. M., and in the afternoon from 3 P. M. to 9 P. M. on the other days. The Hindus do not approve of this arrangement, as the Ram-lila has never been held in the morning before.

carelessly the assessments have been made.

Circulation, 415 copies.

Circulation, 600 copies. Circulation, 300 copies.

The Bráhman (Cawnpore), for September, adverting to Muharram and the Daseh the circumstance that the Muharram and the Dasehra will synchronize this year, advises Musalmans to refrain from committing riots, and also asks Government to take the necessary precautions.

Circulation, 80 copies. The Tahzib (Moradabad), of the 19th September, observes
that, since the occurrence of serious riots between Hindus and Musalmans at Moradabad during the Muharram about ten or twelve years ago, the public celebration of the Muharram has been prohibited in that city. The prohibition is an unjust interference with the religious affairs of Musalmans and should be withdrawn, especially as friendly relations now exist between the two classes, and the Hindus have lately been allowed to celebrate their holt and other festivals in a public manner.

Circulation,

The Nyáya Suddá (Hardá), of the 16th September, publishes the proceedings of the influential to the late Mr. tial public meeting lately held at Bombay to consider the subject of adopting measures to perpetuate the memory of the late Mr. Fawcett. Lord Reay presided on the occasion, and it was decided to collect subscriptions for establishing a memorial. The Sudhá highly approves of the movement, and hopes that other provinces will co-operate with the Western Presidency in the matter.

Circulation, 182 copies. The Azád (Lucknow), of the 22nd September, regrets to say that the funerals of convicts, who die in jails, and whose bodies are not claimed by their friends, are not performed properly by jail officials. The corpses of Hindu prisoners should be decently covered and then they should be burnt. The bodies of Musalmáns should be buried in a decent way, funeral prayers being offered by Muhammadan convicts. The proposed arrangements will no doubt involve some additional expenditure, but Government should not grudge it, especially as the

income from the labour of prisoners exceeds the cost of their support.

The Rahbar-i-Hind (Lahore), of the 19th September, in Appointment of num- an article communicated by a cultiva-bardárs in the Panjáb. tor, complains that proper care is not exercised in the selection of numbardárs in the Panjáb. There are many numbardárs who are indebted and illiterate, and some of them are even blind.

Circulation 155 copies.

The Rahbar-i-Hind (Lahore), of the 17th September, publishes an account of the public Ram Narayan to the Panmeeting held at the Tribune office on the 14th idem by the Indian Association of Lahore in honour of the elevation of Pandit Ram Narayan to the bench of the Panjab Chief Court. Nawab Nawazish Ali Khan, C.S.I., presided, and suitable speeches were delivered.

Circulation 155 copies.

The Sarosh-i-Benares, of the 16th September, says that A native nurse shot by it appears from the Anglo-Indian newspaper that one Smith, employed in the Public Works Department at Meerut, lately got drunk and fired eighteen shots, killing a native nurse and wounding a syce and a sweeper. He is reported to have lost his temper owing to the detention of his son by his step-son. It is surprising that the accused sought to gratify his anger by shooting three innocent natives, but he took good care not to hurt his step-son who had offended him. Such unfortunate incidents have lately been very frequent.

The Rafiq-i-Hind (Lahore), of the 19th September, says that at Balasore an under-trial priAttacks by convicts on soner lately threw a stone at the Magistrates.

Magistrate in Court. Had the stone struck the Magistrate, he would have been severely hurt on the head. When the man was remonstrated with for his misconduct, he replied that his object was to invite the Magistrate's attention to his case, which had long been pending before him. It will be remembered that a convict also lately struck a

Circulation 400 copies. Magistrate at Allahabad with a dirty shoe. Such attacks on officers are no doubt to be greatly regretted, but they tend to bring careless Magistrates to their senses more than scores of articles in newspapers would. There are Magistrates who allow accused persons to remain in the jail for several months by unnecessarily postponing their trial, and sentence people to imprisonment for most trivial offences.

POST-OFFICE AND RAILWAY.

Circulation 782 copies.

The Oudh Akhbar (Lucknow), of the 25th September, has a long article on the limit of weight Limit of weight of privileged newspapers. fixed for privileged newspapers. The postage on vernacular newspapers was reduced from half an anna to quarter of an anna with a view to increase the circulation of those publications, but the restriction as to weight has defeated that object. Editors have reduced the bulk of their journals and print them on thin paper, in order that they may not exceed three tolas in weight. People consider native publications in their present condition as rather dear and do not subscribe to them so largely as otherwise they would do. The proprietor of the Oudh Akhbar invited the attention of the Director-General of Post-offices to the subject by a petition, in vain. On the other hand, Rác Sálig Rám has been pleased to grant a concession to the Pioneer in the matter of postage. He has issued orders to the Post Masters in these provinces to the effect that, if copies of that paper be found at any time to exceed ten tolas in weight, they should not be charged penal postage. The Pioneer stood in no pressing need for the concession, for its subscribers, being mostly Europeans, are well-to-do persons and fully appreciate the value of newspapers. The Akhbár argues that vernacular newspapers spread knowledge and civilization among the people, give wide publicity to the measures of Government, and enable Government to keep touch with the native population. Hence they are entitled to special indulgence as regards postage, especially as natives are not as yet in a position to appreciate their importance.

The Akhbar hopes that the Government of India will take the subject into consideration and abolish the limit of weight in case of privileged newspapers.

The Sarosh-i-Benares, of the 16th September, complains

Payment of postage for that the present system, under which editors have to prepay postage for privileged newspapers in advance for the quarter, causes a great deal of unnecessary inconvenience to them, and urges the introduction of quarter-anna postage stamps for such newspapers in order to put a stop to the evil.

A correspondent of the Sádiqu-lAkhbár (Baháwalpur),

Platform tickets in the the Rewari-Firozpur Railway.

of the 17th September, complains that people are exposed to great inconvenience in entering stations on the Rewari-Firozpur line to see their friends off. At some stations platform-tickets have been introduced, but their value has been fixed at half an anna. The writer is of opinion that quarter-anna platform-tickets should be introduced at all the

NATIVE STATES.

stations.

The Rafiq-i-Hind (Lahore), of the 19th September, the Death of the Maharaja Vazir-i-Hind (Sialkot), of the 20th of Kashmir. September, the Oudh Akhbar (Lucknow), of the 19th September, ber, and many other newspaper express deep regret at the death of the Maharaja of Kashmir and praise him for his good qualities. Some of the papers also briefly describe the reforms which were introduced by the Maharaja in the administration.

The Anjuman-i-Panjáb (Lahore), of the 19th September, in noticing the death of the Mahárája, observes that he conducted the administration with great ability. He was very popular with all classes of his subjects, and thousands of men benefited by his generosity. He was a great patron of learning, and his death is a severe blow to the cause of Sanskrit education.

Circulation 264 copies.

Circulation 250 copies.

He contributed no less than Rs. 93,000 to the Panjáb University fund for the encouragement of the study of Western science by natives through Oriental languages. It is to be hoped that the Syndicate will establish a suitable memorial to the Mahárája in connection with the University. Sir Oliver St. John, the British Resident in Kashmir, has at present very delicate duties to perform. The less he disturbs the existing arrangements, the better.

Circulation 450 copies.

A correspondent of the Koh-i-Núr (Lahore), of the 19th September, writing from Jammu on the Suspension of trade in 15th idem, observes that the Civil and Kashmir on account of the death of the Mahárája. Military Gazette stated that, on account of the death of the Maharaja, the work of administration would be suspended and all the shops would be closed in Kashmir for twenty-one days. The statement of the Gazette is exaggerated. On the very first day after the death of the Mahárája the heir apparent to the throne ordered the State officers to attend to urgent business and allowed druggists, bakers and other traders, who supply necessaries of life, to reopen their shops. Permission was also accorded to Musalmans to celebrate the Id on the 20th September, as usual.

LOCAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Circulation 100 copies.

Monkeys at Agra.

local news column, regrets to state that lately a girl, having been attacked by a monkey, fell from the top of a house to the ground below, and was killed. Such fatal accidents frequently occur, but still the Municipal Board has not as yet adopted any measures to free the town of the brutes. The Local Government once invited its attention to the subject, in vain. It should follow the example of the Muttra Board and make arrangements for the expulsion of the brutes.

Circulation 600 copies.

A local correspondent of the Prayag Samachar (Allaha-Local affairs, Allahabad. bad), of the 23rd September, complains that sweepers throw the dirty water of drains attached to private houses into by-lanes, and that the city road is in a neglected condition. It is surprising that the Municipal Board does not repair roads and light the town properly, while, on the other hand, it has sanctioned the construction of a tiffin-room at the Municipal office at a cost of Rs. 250. The municipal funds are not intended to be spent on the comfort of Municipal Commissioners.

Cisculation 755 copies.

Quarrel between Hindus and Musalmans on the day of the late Id at Moradabad. late Id, a Muhammadan at Moradabad brought to his house a cow which, however, he did not mean

Circulation 150 coples.

brought to his house a cow which, however, he did not mean to kill there, but at some other place. Some evil-minded Hindu traders, living in the neighbourhood, remonstrated with him in consequence and closed their shops. Other Hindus in the town followed suit and suspended all trade. As soon as the Magistrate heard of the unfortunate incident he deputed the Tahsildár and other native officials to induce the Hindus to re-open their shops.

The Koh-i-Núr (Lahore), of the 17th September, in a A Hindu widow marcommunicated article, gives an acriage, Amritsar.

count of a Hindu widow marriage which took place at Amritsar on the 10th idem under the auspices of the Arya Samáj. The couple belong to the Arora caste. Some months ago another widow, of the Khatri caste, was married at the same place.

Circulation 450 copies.

The Rafiq-i-Hind (Lahore), of the 19th September, states
that the Jáma-i-Masjid at Delhi is one of the most famous buildings in this country, and urges that measures should be adopted to repair it. It is not known whether Major Cole, who was appointed to report on the condition of old royal buildings, has recommended the repair of the mosque in question.

Circulation 400 copies

Subodh Sindhu libel case. 16th September, that the editor was lately criminally prosecuted by one Raoji Abaji for libel. The Magistrate convicted the accused

Circulation 210 copies. and sentenced him to a fine of Rs. 60, and, in case of default, to one month's simple imprisonment.

Circulation 755 copies,

The Nur Afshan (Ludhiana), of the 17th September, com-Fort garrison at Ludhi plains that soldiers belonging to the ana. fort garrison at Ludhiana much harass the people living in the neighbourhood, and levy black-mail from persons who pass by the fort.

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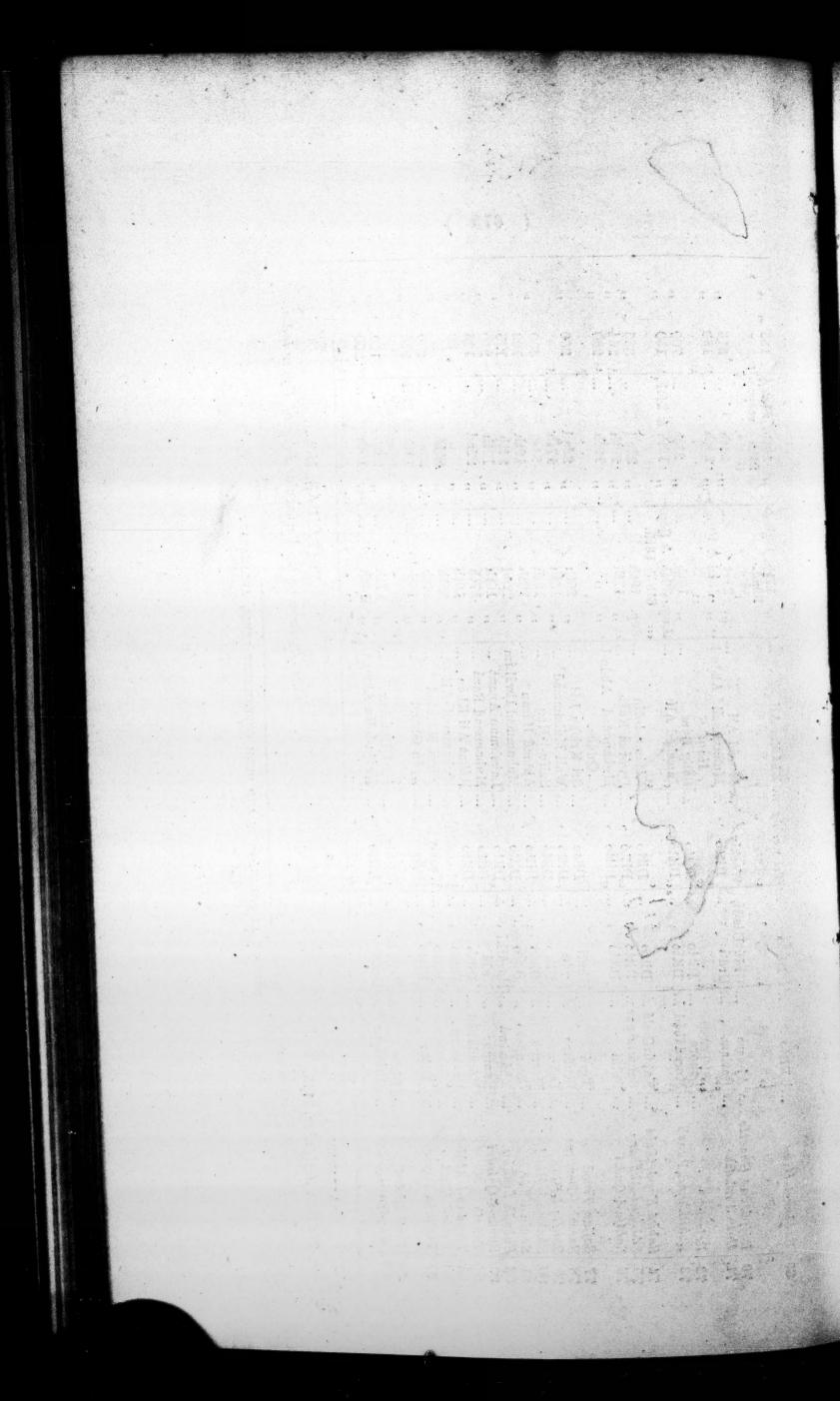
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